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1. To enter China, a person must first obtain an entrance permit from government authorities at his final destination. This can be obtained in Hong Kong by mail from China. He must also provide a guarantor, either a shopkeeper or head of a family, with a permanent residence certificate in the area of his destination.¹ The entrance permit is not collected at the point of entry into China, but is surrendered to public security bureau authorities at the time the traveller makes application for a residence certificate at his final destination.
2. Ordinarily a person entering China is not required to obtain a permit for travel in China, but he is required to notify the local census registration office of his intention to travel and his destination. However, if he plans to travel to Chekiang Province, Chekiang authorities require him to obtain a travel permit at his point of departure. In South and Southeast China a traveller seeking a hotel room is subject to a thorough interrogation by public security personnel unless he can identify himself by a labor union membership card or other means. Canton is the only city in China where citizens' identification cards are issued to residents.²
3. A traveller is not inspected at railroad stations between Tientsin and Shanghai nor at the railroad stations of large towns and cities on the route from Shanghai to Canton via Hangchow. However, he is given a thorough examination at village railroad stations along the Shanghai-Hangchow-Canton route.³

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. In about June 1951 two shop and one or more personal guarantors were required from the place of destination for a person claiming Chinese residence who wished to travel to China. Because these guarantors were held strictly accountable for his behavior, guarantors were practically unobtainable, [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. Details on the census registration form for Canton and on travel regulations in South China were reported [REDACTED]

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- [REDACTED] Comment. Travel inspection procedures at railroad stations in [REDACTED]

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